

Robert Brent to Thomas Jefferson, June 3, 1802, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

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Washington, June 3d, 1802.

Dear Sir:

I have had the honor of receiving your favor of this date, asking my acceptance of the appointment of Mayor under the late Act of Congress for incorporating this city.

Altho I feel great diffidence in the talents I possess for executing that duty, in a manner which may afford general satisfaction, yet feeling it a duty to contribute my feeble aid for the public service, I will venture upon its duties.

I beg you Sir to accept my thanks for the honor, which you are about to confer on me and for the obliging manner in which you have been pleased to communicate it.

I will, with pleasure, accept your polite invitation to dinner on Friday next. With sentiments of much respect and esteem I have the honor to be Sir, Your Obt. Ser.

Robert Brent.

[Reply to President Jefferson's letter of June 3, 1802. Taken from RECORDS OF THE COLUMBIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, Vol. 2, p. 240.]